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For: HEALTH PLAN MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Examiner Frenel:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Final Office Action.

Claims 1-16, 29, and 31-40 are in the subject patent application. Applicant amends claims 1, 5, 7, 14-16, 29, and 39-40 to clarify the invention, and cancels claim 30 without prejudice. Applicant also amends claims 39-40 to correct minor typographical mistakes. Applicant's amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and thus, the USPTO should enter this amendment.